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A waging war erupts in the alleys of New York City between Freak, Clown, and Spawn. The unanticipated appearance from an Omega Spawn evens the scales. While Spawn appears to be helping Clown's cause, Clown takes Jim out the equation, so he can take on his true form—Violator.

Freak reveals he's more than his exterior suggests, and in his blacked out state, Jim remembers a conversation he had with previous Spawn, Al Simmons. Jim is told he needs to "teach them a lesson," although he's unsure whom Al is referring to.

Back in the alleys, Clown invokes the K7 Leetha on the Omega Spawn. The once powerful Omega Spawn is left limp, slain in the grips of the costume.

Violator finally learns Malebolgia has returned to reclaim what's his, but must regain strength first. With his new knowledge, Clown takes an unsuspecting Jim underground to develop the next step in his master plan. Not expecting the twist that transpired that evening, Clown must now shift his strategy.



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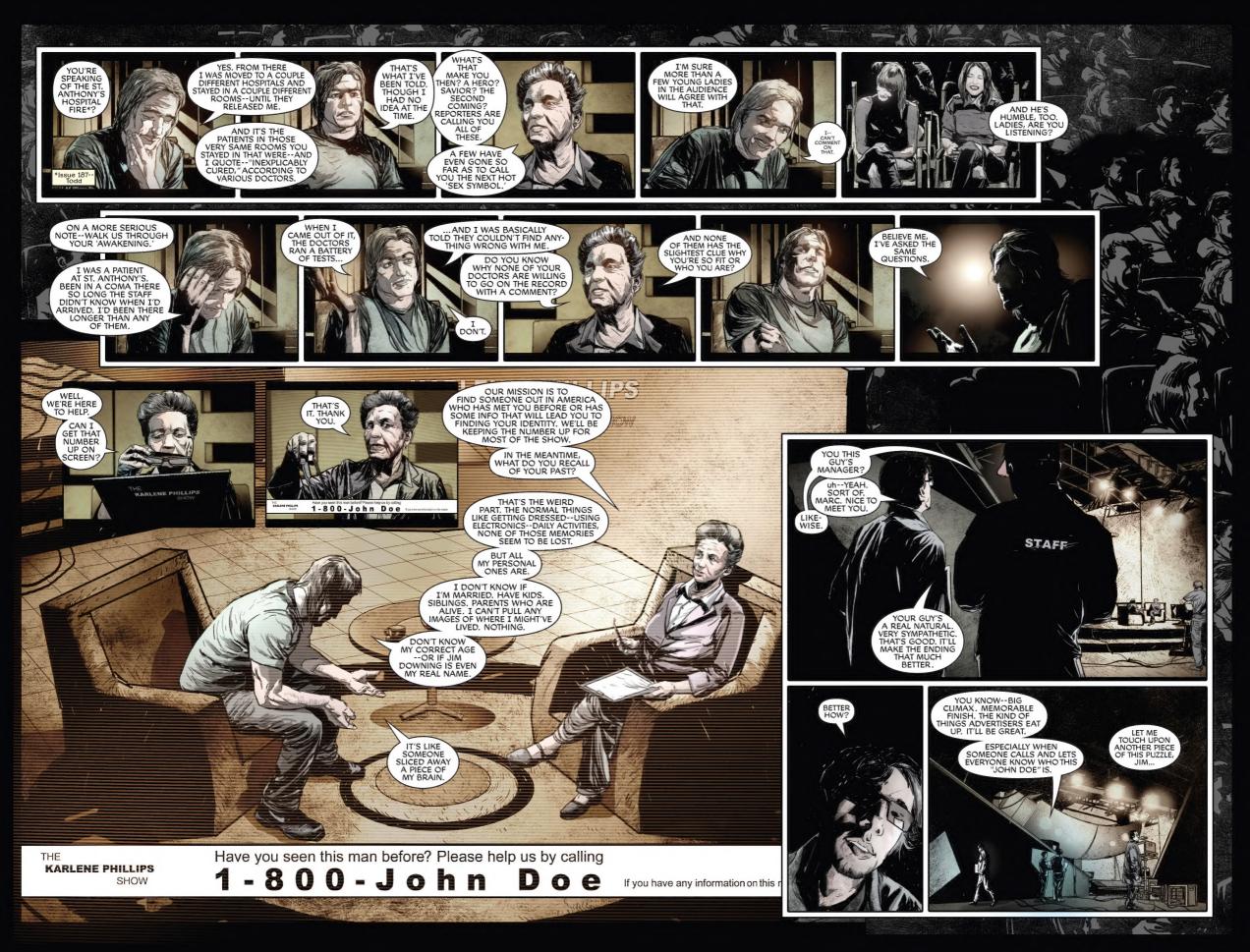
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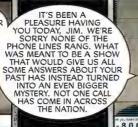


































TELL US, JEANNA, IF YOU COULD, WHY YOU DECIDED TO MAKE SUCH AN ARDUOUS TRIP HERE TODAY?

ALRIGHT. AND--PLEASE FORGIVE MY NERVOUSNESS. IF YOU WILL--I'M NOT USED TO THINGS LIKE THIS BACK HOME

WE ONLY HAVE A FEW MINUTES LEFT. SO PLEASE, BY BRIEFLY, TELL US WHY YOU'RE ED HERE.

WELL, AS YOU'VE
ALREADY MENTIONED, MY BOY
HERE CAN'T MOVE OR TALK. NEVER
HAS. DOCTORS SAY HE NEVER WILL,
OTHER THAN GIVING HIM SOME INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS DURING THE DAY, THEY DON'T
DO MUCH WITH HIM ANYMORE.
THEY SAY IT'S HOPELESS.

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT!

MY BOY, IF YOU LOOK
IN HIS EYES--HE'S ALIVE.
VERY MUCH SO. SO, I'VE BEEN
TEACHING HIM MATH AND READING.
SCIENCE. ALL HIS SCHOOL SUBJECTS, HOPING ONE DAY BY THE
GRACE OF GOD--HE'LL RELEASE
MY SON FROM THIS TERRIBLE,
HAUNTING DISEASE.

ON TOP
OF THAT-1'M
DESPERATE. THAT'S
THE BEST I CAN SAY
IT. I'M BROKE. SPENT
ALL MY MONEY ON
DOCTORS, NOW I
CAN BARELY PAY
TO KEEP THE HEAT
ON FOR ALEX.

YOU CAN'T
IMAGINE
WHAT THAT
DOES TO YOU.
KNOWING YOU
CAN'T HELP YOUR
CHILD. KNOWING
THAT YOU'VE
FAILED HIM.
FAILED YOUR
MARRIAGE.



MY SON
DOESN'T EVEN
HAVE--2COUGHE-I'M SORRY, HE DOESN'T
HAVE A FRIEND. THIS
LITTLE BOY HAS SPENT HIS
ENTIRE EXISTENCE WITHOUT A SINGLE FRIEND IN
HIS LIFE. DO YOU KNOW
HOW PAINFUL THAT IS
TO ACCEPT? THAT I'M
THE ONLY ONE IN
HIS LIFE...?

BUT...
BUT I'M
NOT GOING TO
BE AROUND FOREVER. IN FACT. THE
DOCTORS HAVE
SAID MY LIVER
HAS BEGUN TO
FAIL ME.

SO WHY
AM I HERE? I'M
HERE ON THE SLIM
HOPE THAT THIS
MAN--WHOM I'VE
NEVER MET--WHO
ALREADY HAS MORE
PROBLEMS THAN HE
WOULD EVER WANT-MIGHT SOMEHOW
HELP RESTORE
THE FAITH I'VE
LOST IN GOD.

LIKE YOU, MR. DOWNING, WE'RE LOST TOO. WITH NO ONE GIVING US ANY ANSWERS, EITHER.

SO-- I BEG

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PLEASE SHARE IT WITH HIM...

















